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Examiner: Janelle A. Combs-Morillo

For: CAST ALUMINUM ALLOY FOR FORGING, AND ALUMINUM CAST-FORGED PRODUCT
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

CONFIRMATION OF ORAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is to confirm the recent telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned regarding a two-way restriction requirement between article claims 1 and 9 to 11 and method claims 2 to 8 and applicants' election with traverse of claims 1 and 9 to 11 for initial examination.

The election is made with traverse because there is no indication in the record that the subjects matter of all claims cannot be examined readily at the same time.

An early examination of at least claims 1 and 9 to 11 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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